

Minutes of the BICC General Membership Meeting held on Monday February 7, 1972, at Vail Hall, N.J. Bell Telephone Co., 540 Broad Street, Newark, N.J.

ATTENDANCE

Roland E. Stewart - Exec. Director
 Jules Losowick - Co-chairman
 Richard Proctor - Co-chairman
 Barbara Parker
 William Hoffman
 Robert T. Neff
 Edwin Bess
 John S. Clarkson
 Kenneth Donaldson
 William Wilson
 Joseph Denahan
 Stanley Osowski
 John Maguire
 James H. Blair
 Tony O'Flaherty
 George Wibacian
 Julius Foster
 Ernest Bridges
 Thomas Mann
 Pedro Iglesias
 Leo Selling
 M.B. Wilcox
 Leslie Rupprecht
 J.W. Helmsdaedter
 Connie Woodruff
 Sylvester A. Hart
 Alma Perry
 Jack Krauskopf
 S. R. Messana
 C. R. O'Connor
 Helen Mitchell

BICC
 Western Electric - Newark
 Model Cities
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 Fidelity Union Trust
 United States Savings Bank
 Bambergers
 Mutual Benefit Life
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 N.J. Bell Telephone Co.
 Pest, Warwick & Mitchell
 Greater Newark Chamber of Commerce
 Public Service Electric & Gas
 Division on Civil Rights
 Essex County Welfare Board
 Prudential Insurance Co.
 Western Electric
 General Electric
 Urban League of Essex County
 Model Cities
 Rehabilitation Commission
 Westinghouse
 Newark Public Library
 N.J. Bell Telephone Co.
 ILGWU
 Hart Realty
 Welfare Rights Organization
 Office of Newark Studies
 RCA - Harrison, N.J.
 Rutgers
 Welfare Rights Organization

The meeting was called to order by Co-chairman Jules Losowick, with self introduction of all present. Mr. Losowick called upon Pedro Iglesias to give his report for the community nominating committee.

Candidate For Co-chairman - Community Sector

Pedro Iglesias reporting for the nominating committee community side said that ballots were sent out to the community members of the Executive Committee, with a list of candidates qualified to run. The ballots were broken down to 3 candidates and after a series of ballots, Mr. Richard Proctor was chosen as nominee for co-chairman community side. Pedro put the nomination to the floor. Mr. Losowick asked for other nominations. There being no other nominations, a motion was made and seconded in favor of Richard Proctor as co-chairman of the community side of BICC. Mr. Proctor acknowledged his election.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Pedro Iglesias also reporting for the EASL project reported that classes will be starting, February 22nd, and will be co-sponsored by BICC, Mutual Benefit Life, and the Board of Education. The classes will be held at Rutgers using their facilities. The classes hopefully, will run 4 days a week, two hours a day, using two groups twice a week. Tom Boykin of the BICC and Pedro are working out the final details of this program. They will start recruiting at the BICC office February 8th, from 9:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday, and 5:00 to 7:00 Monday through Wednesday. If anyone knows of someone who would like to learn english as a second language please refer them to Mr. Boykin or Mr. Iglesias. There are 30 slots available which will be divided into 15 per class. The classes will run 15 weeks, this is a conversational program that will teach a person how to communicate in order to gain employment. The classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday for the first group, and Tuesday and Thursday for the second group, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in Rutgers University.

TASK FORCE

The co-chairman of the Task Force met with Jules Lozowick to review some of the basic objectives of the force, and also to make sure the Task Force was working within BICC Guidelines. The Task Force, Mr. Wilson reported will be doing the same for the balance of the year that it has done for the first six months, and that is go into companies, look at their statistics on employment of minorities, and help set up an affirmative action program if they don't have one, or help make the one they have more effective. The Force will be visiting more new companies and also re-visiting ones they have already seen.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS CURRICULUM PROJECT

Joseph Partenheimer, consultant for BICC reported for the IACP project. Mr. Partenheimer briefly reviewed the World of Construction & Manufacturing, how they started three years ago in two Newark schools and is now available in all of them. There are 1,600 students taking the course. Besides learning their regular school work, they have increased their reading ability and knowledge in arithmetic. The course has made a definite increase in attendance and attention. The people who originated the World of Construction & Manufacturing in Ohio have come up with another project called the World of Finance. This program is written in 6th grade language, and should have a tremendous influence on students who want to know what makes the money world work. It will take \$40,000 to finance the development of this project. Mr. Partenheimer reported that, the State Department of Education will be coming to a luncheon sponsored by the BICC on February 25th to talk about this project, and hopefully by next year or the year after, the World of Finance will also be found in all the Newark schools.

"VOICE OF LA RAZA"

The movie "Voice of La Raza" was shown to the membership. The film was a forty five minute documentary on Spanish sur-named Americans. It dealt with the problems of the Chicano and other Latin-originated minorities and the efforts to give them breaks in employment. Mexican born actor Anthony Quinn, who donated his services to the film called it a very passionate picture.

Mr. Jim Blair, Director of the State Division on Civil Rights, after the film shown said, industry should show this film consistently and soon because it had a story to tell and told it very well.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Barbara Parker